

## House Resolution No. 356

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State educational institutions which have demonstrated a tremendous commitment to improving the quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods through the sponsorship of programs and events which discuss true issues and problems in society; and

**Whereas**, Penn Valley Community College in Kansas City will host National African American HIV/AIDS Awareness and Information Day observances on February 7, 2005; and

**Whereas**, an estimated 180,000 to 280,000 HIV-positive individuals do not know they are infected, are not benefitting from HIV care and treatment, and may be unknowingly transmitting the virus; and

**Whereas**, an additional 250,000 persons living with HIV are aware of their status, but still are not getting the care they need or the prevention education support necessary to help them protect their partners; and

**Whereas**, throughout the United States in June 2001, sixty percent of AIDS cases were among African American adults and adolescents; and

**Whereas**, in the area of confidential HIV reporting in 2001, African Americans comprised nearly fifty-one percent of persons diagnosed with HIV, but who had not yet developed AIDS; and

**Whereas**, because of the severity, extent, and seriousness of the HIV/AIDS impact on the lives of Missourians, Penn Valley Community College is partnering with the Kansas City Missouri Health Department, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Office of Public Health and Science Region VII, and other key organizations in promoting a national initiative to increase awareness of HIV/AIDS throughout the state:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the significant educational contributions given down through the years by Penn Valley Community College and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for a highly successful National African American HIV/AIDS Awareness and Information Day on February 7, 2005; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation on National African American HIV/AIDS Awareness and Information Day.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Sharon Sanders Brooks  
District No. 37

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 356, adopted February 3, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker

